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Leslie C. Dirks received the National Security Medal from President Carter yesterday. So say usually reliable sources. One really can't be sure. No reporters or photographers were allowed to watch the ceremony. But Mr. Dirk allegedly was at the White House yesterday. Reportedly, he is the Central Intelligence Agency's deputy director for science and technology, and, ostensibly, he was cited for his "outstanding contribution in creating and directing a major intelligence program of great national importance." What exactly was it? According to aides in the White House press office, the answer to that is so classified they were never told.

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